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The following information on SNB border guard troops in

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Bohemia was secured:

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The Hoof SNB unit Unitvar No 9600 was located in PRAGUE-BUBENEC with Col PAVEL as CO. He was also a Communist member of parliament and had charge of security matters in the Ministry of the Interior.

- b. One SNB battalion, surnamed Jasan, was stationed in PRAGUE. It was to protect members of the Czechoslovakian government and guard government buildings.
- One SNB border guard battalion was located in PILSEN (N 50/ /L 04). It was organized into four platoons each. Component units of the battalion were also stationed in TACHOV (N 50/P 54), NYRSKO (N 50/U 99) and PISEK (N 50/Q 69).
- The SNB company NYRSKO was commanded by 1st Lt LOSERT with platoons stationed in HAMRY (N 50/U 98) (25 men), HOJCOVA STRAZ (N 50/U 98) (15 men), ZELEZNA RUDA (N 50/Q 07) (25 men) and SV. KATERINA (N 50/U 88).
- e. SNB border guard units on duty along the western border of Czechoslovakia were, after 1 October 1949, to be reinforced by armed forces personnel who simultaneously were registered members of the Communist Party. The individual SNB platoons were to be brought up to a strength of 120 men. Some of the married personnel of SNB bofder guard units were to be transferred to SNB posts in the interior of the country.
- The deforestation of a 65-foot strip along the western border was to be started in 1949.

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- a. The NYRSKO border guard company ("Fohranchi straz-Utvar"; abbreviated "PS-Utvar") was subordinate to a PISEK battalion headquarters. The battalion was commanded by Staff Capt SEHRIG, 34, a Communist.
- b. The NYRSKO company was commanded by 1st Lt Oldrich LOSERT, 48, a finatic Communist. Platoons of this company were stationed in HAMRY, Sv. KATERINA and HIRSOV (N 50/U 89).
- c. The traditional surname of the NYRSKO 23rd Inf Bn had been changed from Americkych slovakov to P. liviecdoslava.
- d. New utvar numbers were allegedly assigned to the SNB border guard units about a month ago.

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- a. The Unit Utvar No 9600 was an SNB regiment. No other regiments were known.
- b. The previous existing provincial headquarters of the SNB had been dissolved. Apart from the militarily organized SNB battalions, the uniformed SNB was organized as follows:

Ministry of the Interior (in Slovakia: "Doverenectvo Vnutra") SNB district headquarters ("Krajske velitelstvi SNB) SNB county headquarters ("Okresni velitelstvi SNB") SNB town office ("Velitelstvi stanice SNB").

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Comment:

The Communist Party no longer relied on the political reliability of the uniformed SMB. The believed the 25X1X Militia to be organization; most trusted by the Communist Party.

2 Annexes: Standard Manpower Questionnaires.

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